

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain in this application.

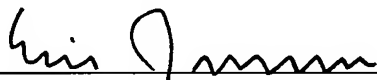
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☒ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☐ - a Replacement Sheet for Figure      of the drawings
- ☐ - a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification
- ☐ - a terminal disclaimer
- ☐ - a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
- ☐ - a verified English translation of foreign priority document

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The assembly of a first pneumatic element (1) includes a hollow screw (3) with a longitudinal axis (3a), and a second pneumatic element (2) provided with a tapped orifice (2a) for receiving the hollow screw (2) such that a first shoulder (5) of the hollow screw is designed to press on the edge (6) of the tapped orifice (2a) an O-ring (7), while the first element (1) includes, opposite the thread, a bearing surface (8), axially limited by a second shoulder (11), for guiding and retaining a tubular spacer (9) slidably mounted on the bearing surface between a first position wherein it extends beyond the first shoulder (5) on the thread side and a second position wherein it is in contact with the second shoulder (11), the spacer including an element for (9a, 12) indicating the clamping tension provided or to be provided in the hollow screw (3).